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Subject: RE: Follow up to EPA R2 - NJDEP Quarterly Meeting

We also need to send them the contacts and areas of expertise for DW staff.

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I got the email. See below...

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Hi everyone –

Thanks again for the call yesterday. In follow-up to our discussion, I wanted to share a list of action items and a few notes everyone. Please let me know if anything needs to be added or corrected. Also, please forward this to anyone I forgot to include.

- **File reviews and annual review**

- Attached is the list of systems we are considering for the file review. Please take a look and let us know your thoughts, and if there are any systems you think we should review that are not on the list.
- Below are the annual review elements:

1. Summary of State Drinking Water Program: Introductory paragraph. Characterization of systems in New Jersey, including types (CWS, NTNCWS... etc.) and amount by county.
2. State Resources: Sources and uses of funds in the program. Discussion of grants awarded and unliquidated obligations (ULOs) of the PWSS grant and the DWSRF set-asides and other sources of funds.
3. Status of Rule Adoption: This is a summary of primacy status by rule. Like the previous element, EPA already has this information and this will not require an additional lift by NJDEP.
4. Sanitary Surveys: Summary of state’s requirements, how many were conducted by system type. CWD will have a discussion with DECA about this issue and will be contacting NJDEP to provide an accurate view of the status of Sanitary Surveys in New Jersey.
5. Enforcement and ETT: How many systems have ETT scores greater than 11? This section will summarize the process for addressing systems that are out of compliance. This would be a good section for EPA and the state to discuss in person.
6. Capacity and Development and Small System Support: Capacity Development workplan will be sufficient to complete this section. Supplemental information will be provided by interviews of state staff.
7. Operator Certification: This section will describe and critique the operator certification program. The workplan will be part of this. We will report on the compliance rate for ensuring there is a certified operator in charge of each CWS and report on how many people are taking and passing the certification tests.
8. Rule Implementation: This section will include the information from the most recent file review and possibly

previous file reviews. This section will have detailed descriptions of state compliance with each of the rules reviewed during the file review.

9. Data Management and Reliability: This section will be about SDWIS and the adoption of SDWIS prime.

10. Other

- Region 2 will discuss with HQ the purpose of the annual review report – e.g. if they will be identifying recurring performance limiting factors and other issues at a national level. Region 2 will also plan to include findings/recommendations in our report. NJDEP will have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft report, and respond to the final report.
- We checked with HQ and confirmed the dates of August 20th and 21st for the deep dive review with NJ. They have not finalized the systems they are going to review yet, but plan to send those to NJDEP in the next week or two. I believe they plan to review approximately 6 systems. Someone from Region 2 will accompany HQ on the review.

- **LCR implementation**

- We'll regroup after Region 2 reviews the information NJDEP sent DECA (e.g. one of the LCR plan reviews)
- NJDEP will send a copy of the LCR Action Plan to Region 2 – Received, thank you!

- **RTCR Primacy**

- HQ signed the memo concurring with Region 2 to grant NJDEP primacy. Region 2 will soon send NJDEP a letter letting you know the current status of the rule (e.g. interim primacy), timeline for publishing in the Federal Register, etc.

- **Operator Certification, Capacity Development and Annual Report of Violations**

- Region 2 has the Annual Report of Violations; NJDEP expects to submit the operator certification and capacity development reports by August 15th (Note: we are only asking that the operator certification report be submitted by August 15th; the capacity development report can be submitted by September 30th – but it's better to have both as soon as possible).

- **Status and general updates**

- Region 2 will keep you updated on any potential drinking water issues that arise (e.g. Picatinny Arsenal) and the Newark NOI FOIA, and vice versa. NJDEP will share the microbial report on the Levine Reservoir with Region 2.
- NJDEP's MCLs for 1,2,3-TCP and PFNA are on track for adoption in September; two PFAS MCLs planned for late fall. Align with the Drinking Water Quality Institute's recommendations.
- Emergency response planning – NJDEP and Region 2 will exchange contact info for emergency response personnel. Region 2 will follow-up with NJDEP as we develop our drinking water emergency response plan and hold exercises.
- Upcoming meeting between Michelle Putnam and EPA Clean Water Division management – Region 2 and NJDEP will follow-up with each other on drinking water topics that will and/or should be discussed at the July 31st meeting.

- **SDWIS Prime Status**

- NJDEP is preparing to migrate to SDWIS Prime.

- **State interests/needs**

- Region 2 will follow-up with NJDEP with additional information on AWOP.
- NJDEP will let Region 2 know if they think of any needs or interests regarding training, support, etc.

- **Meeting with NYSDOH**

- NJDEP is interested in a drinking water meeting with NYSDOH – location TBD as travel might be limited.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

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